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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP TO DPC MINISTERIAL

REF: USNATO 3502

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO REFTTEL AND WITH HOPE THAT DPC WILL ON JULY 25 APPROVE US PROPOSAL, MISSION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AT THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON FRIDAY, 27 JULY. IDEALLY THIS DRAFT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY ALLIED DELEGATIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER 25 JULY DPC. EWG SESSION JULY 27 MAY BE LAST SUCH MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER AND IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT EWG PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT THAT MEETING. SUGGESTED DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY AND APPROVAL BY WASHINGTON FOLLOW QUOTE

STUDY OF BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

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1. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO ALTER THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NATO STRATEGY, NAMELY: FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, FORWARD DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE BASED ON A SPECTRUM OF CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.

2. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE APPROVED NATO STRATEGY, A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITY IS NEEDED.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

3. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY IS TO REACH ALLIED AGREEMENT ON THE COMPOSITION, LEVELS AND ARMAMENTS OF CERTAIN FORCES NEEDED TO INSURE A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY AND TO AGREE ON A PHASED PROGRAM FOR ATTAINMENT OF AGREED GOALS.

METHOD OF WORK

4. IN A FIRST PHASE, THE STUDY WOULD DEAL WITH AREAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY. THESE INCLUDE (A) SHELTERS FOR AIRCRAFT AND PROTECTION FOR AIRFIELDS; (B) DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR; AND (C) DEFICIENCIES IN WAR RESERVE STOCK LEVELS. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP SHOULD RECOMMEND CRITERIA FOR IMPROVEMENT AND A TIMETABLE FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORTS BY ALLIED NATIONS IN ORDER TO MEET THE RECOMMENDED CRITERIA.

5. IN A SECOND PHASE, WHICH WOULD BE BROADER IN COVERAGE, THE STUDY WOULD DEAL WITH REMAINING MAJOR ANOMALIES OR CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE ATTAINMENT OF A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY, INCLUDING AREAS SUCH AS TACTICAL AIR, ARTILLERY, AND AIR DEFENSE. COLLECTION OF MATERIAL FOR THIS PHASE COULD BEGIN DURING THE WORK OF THE FIRST PHASE.

STUDIES BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES

6. NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT STUDIES AND OTHER MATERIAL THAT WOULD BE OF USE TO THE EWG.

7. ONE SUCH STUDY SHOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE LEVELS OF SHELTERS FOR AIRCRAFT AND PROTECTION FOR AIRFIELDS AS A BASIS FOR EWG RECOMMENDATIONS IN THAT AREA.

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8. ANOTHER STUDY SHOULD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATING THE ANTI-TANK CAPABILITIES OF VARIOUS NATIONS TO COUNTER A MAJOR ARMORED THRUST AGAINST NATO IN THE CENTRAL REGION. THIS STUDY SHOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE COMBINATIONS AND NUMBERS OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS THAT MIGHT BE REVIEWED BY EWG AS A BASIS FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DPC.

9. A THIRD STUDY SHOULD EVALUATE CRITERIA TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING SUPPLY LEVELS OF CRITICAL MUNITIONS FOR SPECIFIC PERIODS OF CONFLICT. THIS STUDY WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR EWG RECOMMENDATIONS ON CRITERIA AND ON A TIMETABLE FOR MEETING THOSE CRITERIA.

TIMING

10. A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST PHASE SHOULD BE PREPARED BY EWG FOR REVIEW AND SUBMISSION BY DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION TO DPC MINISTERS FOR THEIR DECEMBER 1973 MEETING.

11. A FULL REPORT ON SECOND PHASE WORK SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS IN SPRING 1974. END QUOTE

2. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE ABOVE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND AUTHORITY TO RELEASE APPROVED DRAFT TO EWG MEMBERS AS SOON AS DPC APPROVAL OBTAINED. MCAULIFFE

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